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SUBJECT: WB/G SITREP: EIGHT PALESTINIANS AND THREE PA  
POLICEMEN ARRESTED IN THE WEST BANK; PALESTINIANS SHOOT AT  
IDF SOLDIERS IN THE GAZA STRIP, BUT NO INJURIES-- MARCH 30,  
2005 (1300 HOURS LOCAL)

This is a joint ConGen Jerusalem/Embassy Tel Aviv cable.

[11.](#) (SBU) Summary: The IDF arrested eight Palestinians and  
three uniformed PA policemen in the West Bank March 29.  
Palestinians shot at IDF soldiers east of Netzarim and near  
Rafah March 29 in the Gaza strip, but no injuries occurred.  
End Summary.

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West Bank  
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[12.](#) (SBU) ATTACKS/SECURITY:

-- Deaths: Nil.

-- Injuries: Nil.

-- Arrests: The IDF arrested eight Palestinians from Nablus,  
Hebron and Jenin March 29 in the West Bank, according to  
Palestinian sources.

-- Arrests/Incursions: The IDF crossed into H1 (the area of  
Hebron under PA security control) on March 29 and arrested  
three uniformed PA policemen who were directing traffic in  
the city center, according to Palestinian sources. The  
sources said that the three were released a few hours later  
and told by the IDF that they could not wear PA police  
uniforms. The sources said, however, that the policemen will  
continue to wear uniforms, as authorized under the Interim  
Agreement and other PA-GOI arrangements.

[13.](#) (SBU) SEPARATION BARRIER:

-- Palestinian residents reported March 30 that Israeli  
Border Police served property owners in al-Jib, northeast of  
Jerusalem, with land confiscation orders for the construction  
of the separation barrier.

[14.](#) (SBU) POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:

-- The Fatah Revolutionary Council (FRC), a key Fatah  
governing body, issued a communique on March 29 supporting  
PLC elections for July 17 and establishing a technical  
committee to run Fatah primary elections before those  
elections, according to FRC sources.

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[15.](#) (SBU) ATTACKS:

-- Deaths: Nil.

-- Injuries: Nil.

-- Arrests: According to Israeli media, the IDF arrested two  
unarmed Palestinians March 30 in the northern Gaza strip.

-- Mortars/Rockets: Nil.

-- Shootings: According to the IDF, Palestinians shot at IDF  
soldiers March 29 at an outpost east of Netzarim and another  
outpost north of Rafah, but no injuries occurred.

-- Explosions: Nil.

[16.](#) (SBU) INCURSIONS/DEMOLITIONS: Nil.

[17.](#) (SBU) BORDER CROSSINGS:

-- Route Four (Salahadeen Road), the main north-south traffic  
artery, was open March 30, with a major detour at Netzarim

Junction. Abu Khouli checkpoint was open.

-- Erez Crossing was open for internationals and for a limited number of Palestinians March 29, and 3,413 laborers and 236 merchants crossed into Israel.

-- The Erez Industrial Zone was open March 29 and 616 laborers entered.

-- Sufa Crossing was closed for Palestinian laborers March 30, but was closed for the import of aggregates used in construction.

-- Karni Terminal was open March 30.

-- Rafah Terminal was open for arrivals and departures March 30.

-- Tel al-Sultan checkpoint was closed March 30. Toufah checkpoint was open for residents of al-Mowassi.

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